



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

March 2010

Dear Customers:

The advertised budget presented by the County Executive to the Board of Supervisors in February shows a \$3.4 million reduction to the library's budget for fiscal year 2011 which begins July 1, 2010.

If this budget is approved by the Board of Supervisors in April, it will result in a loss of about 17 percent of our staff, or more than 80 library positions. With fewer staff to operate the libraries, we will need to reduce the number of hours we can be open to the community.

The new hours as currently drafted would provide different operating hours for all of the branches. All would have reduced morning and evening hours. Regional branches would still have Sunday hours but reduced service to customers that day, including no telephone transactions. There are currently no Sunday hours at the community branches, and that would not change.

Although the county-wide budget reductions will impact residents and customers in a variety of ways, I want to assure you that we will continue to work as hard as ever to give you the best possible customer service. We will continue to offer library services that enrich individual and community life. We want to continue to serve the residents of Fairfax County and City of Fairfax and we will continue to strive to meet your needs.

Keep in mind these changes are still only proposed at this time and the final decision will be made by the Board of Supervisors in April. We will publicize the new hours and other changes as soon as the final decisions have been made.

Sincerely,

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